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Nebraska Supreme Court Cancels Continuing Legal Education for Judges and Staff

In order to conserve limited funds, the Nebraska Supreme Court has cancelled state-funded education meetings for judges and staff this spring and summer.

Appellate-level judges typically attend a continuing education seminar in April. County, District and Separate Juvenile Court Judges traditionally hold meetings in June with court reporters and Clerk Magistrates are provided with continuing education in September. The June and September meetings focus on legislative changes to the law and topic-specific updates or legal trends. The spring probation management conference has been cancelled and 50% of new probation officer training is in the process of being moved to online training.

In a letter sent to all judicial branch employees, Chairman of the Judicial Branch Education Committee, Judge John Irwin outlined upcoming program cancellations saying distance learning programs in the form of webinars, online courses and other internet programs would be used to allow judges and staff to meet their annual education requirements. Court staff is required to attend eight hours and judges are required to participate in ten hours of education annually.

The Judicial Branch Education Department is increasing the number of online classes and webinars to make education available in light of the reduction in face-to-face meetings. The judges' annual education seminar in October and grant-funded education will remain intact.

Judge Irwin's letter to employees and judges concluded with, "Shared sacrifice has never been more important for all of us in the judicial branch. We appreciate and thank you very much for doing your part to keep moving forward in these challenging times."

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